

# Southern Flyer



908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

June 2002

## Key wing positions filled

908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. James N. Stewart announced his selections to fill several wing leadership positions last month.

Col. Charles W. "C. W." Fox, is the new 908th AW vice commander. Prior to assuming his new duties, Fox was commander of the 327th Airlift Squadron, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.

Senior Master Sgt. Amos Moore, formerly superintendent of port operations, 25th Aerial Port Squadron here, is the new wing command chief master sergeant.

Maj. Kelly Shawback, previously executive officer to the 934th Support Group commander, Minneapolis-St. Paul ARS, Minn., is the new wing performance planner.

Maj. Karl A. Schmitkons, formerly assistant director of operations for the 327th AS, is the new director of operations for the 357th AS.

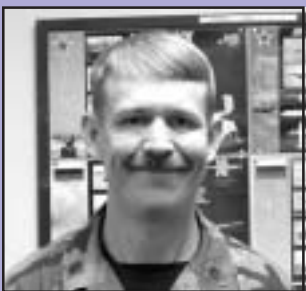
## Montee wins intel award

The 908th's chief of intelligence, Lt. Col. Mark Montee, has earned his second high level intel award this year. Montee has been selected for the National Military Intelligence Association Maj. Gen. Jack E. Thomas Award. Previously he was named Air Mobility Command's 2001 Air Reserve Component Field Grade Officer of the Year Level II for the intelligence career field.

The Thomas award has been awarded since 1987 to a deserving Air Force intelligence member as a testimony to professional excellence and exceptional dedication to duty. NMIA expanded the award in 1998 to also recognize the contributions of air reserve component intelligence professionals.

"This prestigious award reflects Mark's recent and long-term dedication to providing the very best in intelligence support to the AFRC community," wrote Col. Joseph T. Molyson, assistant director for intelligence and information operations directorate, HQ AFRC, in announcing Montee's selection.

Montee was honored at the National Military Intelligence Association awards dinner in Alexandria, Va., May 19. In addition to the award, he received the Air Force Recognition Ribbon.



**Lt. Col. Mark Montee**



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

**Loadmaster Master Sgt. David Greer directs the loading of equipment into the interior of one of the two wing C-130 aircraft dispatched to support exercise Hungarian Response 2002.**

## Hungarian Response 2002

**By Maj. Jerry Lobb  
908th Airlift Wing public affairs**

The 908 AW's support for Hungarian Response 2002 was anything but typical.

For 20 908ers, Hungarian Response 2002 began with a show-time at the 357th Airlift Squadron at 5:45 a.m. May 3. Just before 8 a.m., two 908th C-130s lifted off bound for Europe. This 18-day

mission took the two aircraft to 6 countries: Portugal, Italy, Hungary, Germany, England and Canada. While supporting the exercise two crews flew two aircraft more than 117 hours, transporting approximately 340 passengers, eight Humvees, six trailers, two armored personnel carriers and more than 25 tons of cargo.

Capt. Eugene Martin, South East European

Continued on pages 4 and 5

# Do you have the spirit of a warrior?

Over the years those of us wearing the blue uniform have borne the brunt of other services' jokes about being "civilians in uniform." Too often many of us have



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb  
**Col. James N. Stewart**

identified ourselves by our duty specialty and not as airmen and warriors. Our nation is at war! Particularly when deployed in support of operations like Enduring Freedom, we need to remember to pack our warrior spirit.

So...some of you might ask...."How can I tell if I have the spirit of a warrior?"

Here is a test.

When faced with a situation which may prevent you from getting the job done. Do you:

- A. Find a way to make it happen, or
- B. Get frustrated, give up and make excuses

You've finished the job you were assigned, and notice your coworkers are struggling. Do you:

- A. Jump right in to lend a hand, or
- B. Think to yourself, "It's not my job," and take a coffee break

You've worked hard for 12 hours and know it will take another two hours to finish the job. However, if you leave the work for the next shift to handle, the aircraft may not depart on time. Do you:

- A. Stay until you see the aircraft lift off, or
- B. Think to your self, "I've done my fair share, it's Miller Time!"

You are a supervisor and your boss seldom visits your work area. Do you:

- A. Work right beside your folks, encouraging and leading them by example, or
- B. Issue instructions to them, then go surf the internet and drink coffee

Your supervisor asks you to do one of those jobs you know needs to be done, but you think it should be done by someone several grades junior to you. However, all those junior folks are working like demons. Do you:

- A. Do the job yourself, or
- B. Complain and ask why your supervisor can't get someone else to do it

Do you think about:

A. Ways you can contribute to the overall wing mission regardless of your specialty, or

B. What's in this for me?

Are you a member of the Reserves to:

- A. Defend the country and work with great people, or
- B. Get medical and dental benefits, and earn some

extra income

If your answers are firmly in the "A" category, you most likely have a healthy warrior spirit. However, if you responded with more than a couple of "B" answers, your warrior spirit is seriously in doubt. For these people, I ask that you remember why you wear the uniform of this country.

On deployments the phrases "it's not my job," or "my shift is over" are words supervisors should never hear. Particularly when the airplanes we load, fix or fly may leave for places where people are getting shot at.

"Whatever it takes" is a phrase that may best capture the essence of a warrior. Beyond the usual pilot or combat controller stereotypes, warriors are people who process paperwork to get folks into the unit so it can perform its wartime mission. Warriors are services troops who do "whatever it takes" to feed and house everyone. Warriors are found in every specialty. The common focus of all warriors is a commitment to contribute whatever talents and resources they have to accomplish the mission.

I expect certain behaviors of warrior leaders and warrior followers. The more difficult the conditions, and the longer the work hours, the more important these standards become.

Warrior leaders have three responsibilities. 1. Complete the mission/task assigned to them by their superiors. 2. Take care of the people assigned to them, making sure they are properly fed and housed. 3. To serve as an example to the junior warriors working for them. Those junior folks should trust you to: be fair, to work at least as hard as they do, go to the mat to make sure they are taken care of and have the resources needed to complete the mission.

Warrior followers also have three responsibilities. 1. To contribute as much as they can to the completion of the mission. 2. To support their supervisors and fellow warriors regardless of the long hours and difficult conditions. 3. To do what is asked of them quickly and with as much enthusiasm as they can muster.

If someone goes on deployment and really lives up to their responsibilities, I expect their supervisors to recognize and promote these warriors. On the other hand, I also want to know if we have people who do not live up to these standards. They should be "recognized" and dealt with as well.

Bottom Line — We are in the military! The nation is at war! I hope you all either have or acquire a warrior spirit to help you live up to the proud tradition of service as a Citizen Soldier.



## Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

Col. James N. Stewart

## Editorial Staff Chief, Public Affairs

Maj. Jerry W. Lobb

## Deputy Chief/Editor

Jeffery Melvin

## Staff Writer

Senior Airman Kimberly Holden

## Address

Editor, "Southern Flyer"  
401 W. Maxwell Blvd.  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

## Phone Number

(334) 953-6804 or DSN  
493-6804

## Fax Number

(334) 953-2202 or DSN  
493-2202

This funded Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the "Southern Flyer" are not necessarily the official views of or endorsed by the U.S. Government, Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

## Editorial policy

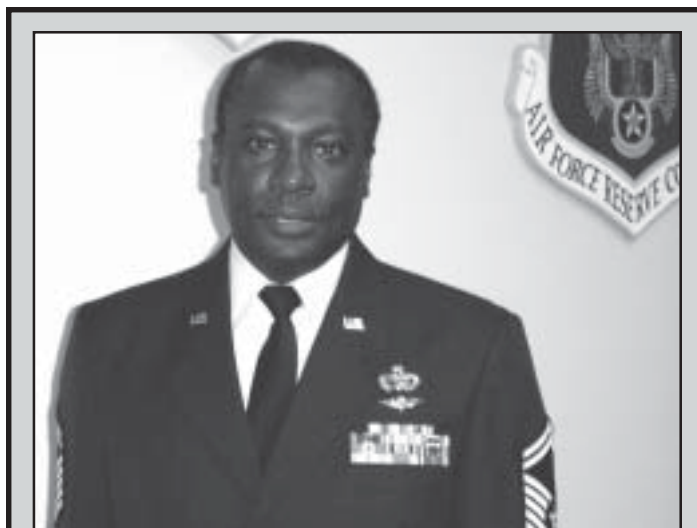
Editorial content of the "Southern Flyer" is edited, prepared and provided by the 908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office.

All photos are Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated.

We solicit articles, drawings and photographs and reserve the right to edit materials to conform to "Southern Flyer" editorial policies.

Because of the printing and mail-out schedule the newspaper goes to press on Friday, two weeks prior to the UTA. The submission deadline for articles or information is the Wednesday two weeks prior to the UTA.

For information about this schedule, call Jeff Melvin at (334) 953-7874.



## Top senior enlisted post

Congrats to Senior Master Sgt. Amos E. Moore, new wing command chief master sergeant.



## Chief Roberts bids farewell to wing

**I**t is so hard to believe it's been almost four years since becoming your Command Chief, but time really does fly when you're having fun!

I remember when I first assumed this position, we were facing a slew of alphabet inspections — a RAV (Reserve assistance visit) in the fall of 1998, an ORI (operational readiness inspection) in early 1999, followed by a UCI (unit compliance inspection) in late 1999. We met these challenges head on and earned glowing report cards for our efforts.

Then we settled back into our daily missions, deployments and training in preparation for our AEF cycles in 2002. We had no idea of what was to come in 2001. After 9-11-01, our people once again came forward without hesitation to do whatever was necessary to support our great nation.



**Chief Roberts**

We have some of the noblest, most caring and dedicated people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, right here in the 908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

Over the past four years, we've also established some very important recognition programs for our enlisted personnel. I have always believed it is important to take the time to show our appreciation to you by recognizing and rewarding your accomplishments. We know the sacrifices you make to participate in the Air Force Reserve, whether it's in your weekend training, a six-week professional military education course, or a two-week or more deployment. This is time spent away from your family, friends, and employers to serve our country.

Our people programs such as Holiday Relief and Family Day sponsored by the First Sergeant's Council continued to grow.

And, thanks to you again for making our NCO and SNCO Induction Ceremonies become special events for our new promotees and their families. Our First Sergeants are awesome! They don't restrict their efforts to their squadrons only. They always come forward to enhance programs affecting everyone in the 908<sup>th</sup> AW.

I've often said that the 908<sup>th</sup> is characterized by a diverse, highly educated group of people from all walks of life who come together to serve our country and preserve the freedom we no longer take for granted. We do it professionally and honorably! We need to make sure we keep these people on board. To me this means giving them the tools they need to do their jobs — give them meaningful tasks to do while they're here and most importantly — recognize and reward them for their accomplishments.

I've spent 27 years here at the 908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and as I look back, it's difficult to summarize the years. But, I know this... I've made many friends and shared some extraordinary times. I will always cherish these fond memories, relationships, experiences and travels that I would not trade for all the money in the world. May God bless and keep you and your families now and forever.

Proud to Serve,  
Chief Master Sgt. Linda D. Roberts

## Memento exchange

908 AW Cols. James N. Stewart, right, and Norman Bell, center, present a coin to a 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment soldier as a token of appreciation for the plaque the unit presented the 908<sup>th</sup> and the 357<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron for their support of the regiment training programs. The exchange took place after one of the 908<sup>th</sup>'s recurring joint airborne air transportability training missions at Ft. Benning, Ga., May 17.



Photo by SFC Paul M. Fuentes

## 101 Critical Days of Summer: A time to exercise caution

**By Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III**  
**Commander of Air Force Reserve Command**

WASHINGTON - Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, we are all much more aware of the need for diligent force protection. However, we also need to apply that same kind of vigilance off duty in the coming months, as we attempt to pack as much fun as possible into an all-too-brief summer.



**General Sherrard**

Memorial Day Weekend signals the start of the Critical 101 Days of Summer, a time when off-duty mishaps are more likely to happen. Long workdays, coupled with alcohol consumption and horseplay, can spell disaster for even the most-seasoned citizen airman.

Here's a list of tried-and-true suggestions from the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Directorate of Safety on how to survive and remain uninjured during the 101 critical days:

- ♦ Alcohol consumption: Don't drink and operate vehicles, such as automobiles, boats, jet skis, etc. If you drink, do it moderately and always appoint a designated driver;
- ♦ Traveling: Be sober, vigilant and well-rested;
- ♦ Boating: Know your craft and the waters you are operating within, and use personal flotation devices;
- ♦ Swimming: Swim with a buddy in known waters and don't drink;
- ♦ Jet skiing: Operate with caution, staying away from boaters, fishermen, swimmers and other jet skiers;
- ♦ Seatbelts: Use them and ensure passengers do the same. Remember, "it's the law;"
- ♦ Outdoor activities: Stretch muscles before athletic activity, don't overdo it, avoid prolonged exposure to the sun, use sunscreens and drink plenty of water; and
- ♦ Risk management: Use common sense, plan ahead and be prepared.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends, but be safe. Each member of our force is an irreplaceable resource in the continuing war on terrorism. Our nation needs each of us, our families need us, and I need you to help meet the challenges our nation is asking of our Great Air Force! (AFRC News Service)



# Hungarian Response 2002

Continued from page 1

Task Force Headquarters said the 908th and three other Air Force Reserve unit's participation made the exercise more realistic and provided better training for their soldiers.

Martin said if the Air Force Reserve had not stepped in to provide airlift, they would have had to been transported by rail.

Planning for the 908th's participation in Hungarian Response began with a phone call in February from Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe to Capt. Jeff Harrold, the 357 AS's chief of current operations. USAFE requested support from the 908th because of our previous work in the USAFE theater of operations doing Joint Guard/Joint Forge.

Harrold said he lobbied to support the exercise because he thought it was a great opportunity to provide aircrews experience flying in Europe, a challenging flying environment. He said he also thought it was a chance to perform what will probably be a large part of our wartime tasking, moving people and equipment on short notice, with maximum flexibility to accomplish the mission.

In April, Harrold and Lt. Col. Steve (Rooster) Ogburn attended a planning conference in Vicenza, Italy to plan the exercise.

"Everyone in the 908th Operations Group's Current Operations Branch worked hard to get

this thing put together. From all reports, they stepped up to the plate and did a terrific job. We learned a great deal, and will be ready to perform at an even higher level the next time we get an opportunity," Harrold said.

In addition to the two flight crews, 12 members of the 908th Maintenance Squadron deployed to service the two aircraft and also to serve for eight days as maintenance support at Taszar airfield in Hungary.

On May 3rd the aircraft landed at Lajes AB, the Azores. Due to the time change, and the airfield hours in Italy the two crews stayed at Lajes for two nights.

Early on the morning of May 5th both aircraft departed Lajes. Toil 10 was bound for Mildenhall AB, England, while Toil 11 headed for Aviano, Italy. From May 7-11 both aircraft flew missions to Kecskemet, Hungary, the actual site of most of the Army portion of the exercise. One day the aircraft might fly a single trip to Kecskemet and the next it would fly two trips, hauling soldiers and equipment. Typical loads for those missions were something like a Humvee with a trailer and 15-20 soldiers.

Throughout the trip the maintainers were busy. Toil 10/aircraft 38 had radar problems before it reached Lajes. It also had two engine generators replaced during the mission. Tech. Sgt. Larry

Sellers said, "It was hard lifting that generator in there...it weighs about 100 pounds. However, the second time we replaced it we figured out how to do it pretty well and it went a lot faster."

Aircraft 39 was reliable until en route from Taszar to RAF Mildenhall, England May 11. That afternoon Toil 11 departed Taszar, carrying a load of pallets and cargo nets. In the last half hour of the flight the loadmasters noticed a small leak of fluid from the left inboard engine. Staff Sgt. Adam Childers, flight engineer watched as the oil pressure on that engine dropped. Fortunately the pressure remained in the range required for safe operation and didn't require the crew to shut it down before landing.

After shutdown Master Sgt. Darrell Wilson, crew chief and Childers opened



**"Maxwell...we have a problem." Crew chief, Master Darrell Wilson, flight engineer Adam Childers and air commander, Maj. Jan Sztuka look for the source of a leak after landing at RAF Mildenhall. Delays in obtaining a new engine sidelined aircraft 39 for several days.**

up the panels on the left inboard. As they opened the engine about a cup of oil splashed on the concrete below. With the failure of this engine, the crew entered the "Groundhog day" scenario. In the movie Groundhog Day, Bill Murray played a character stuck reliving the same day over and over. From May 13 until the 17th, members of the Toil 11 crew thought an engine would be arriving that day and they would be back flying to Hungary by the following afternoon. Sometime around noon each day...the word would come the engine hadn't made it aboard the flight from Dover to Ramstein...and it would be at least another 36 hours until Toil 11 would rejoin the exercise.

Because of mechanical problems with both aircraft Senior Master Sgt. Barry Smith and his crew of maintainers flew to Taszar aboard a C-141, while their "war wagon" of parts and tools remained behind at Ramstein AB, Germany. From May 11-18, they launched, recovered and helped load and unload C-130s and 141s at Taszar.

Finally on Thursday, May 16, an engine arrived at Mildenhall from the 911th AW, Youngstown ARS, Ohio, via Dover and Ramstein. That morning Tech Sgt. William "Bubba" Lyndall and



Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

**908th delivers: A soldier from the 173rd Brigade Reconnaissance Company, Vicenza, Italy departing a wing aircraft at Kecskemet Air Base, Hungary.**

**Tech S**  
**39 as I**



Master Sgt. Randy Garrett, propulsion specialists, and crew chiefs Master Sgt. Darrell Wilson and Staff Sgt. Walter Maddox removed the leaking engine. Just after 2 p.m., the replacement engine arrived aboard a 37<sup>th</sup> AS aircraft from Ramstein. Within about 20 minutes of landing at Mildenhall, the new engine was parked at our aircraft being prepared for installation. By 5 p.m. the engine was hung and bolted into place. Just a half hour later the prop was hung. It appeared late that afternoon Toil 11 would be flying to Ramstein the next morning. Unfortunately, the gremlins plaguing 39 had other plans. While doing engine runs to test the new engine, the right inboard engine flamed out three times. So Friday May 17, Lyndall and Garrett canned parts from the former left inboard to but the right inboard back in operation.

Also on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Toil 10 crew picked up the maintenance team at Tazsar, and their war wagon at Ramstein and flew to Mildenhall.

May 18 was a down day for both crews. Several crewmembers boarded the trains and headed for London to see the sights. They went “down the tubes” (local term for London’s mass transit system) in pursuit of intelligence on critical sites like “Big Ben” The Tower of London and the London Eye.

On Sunday, May 19, we boarded the aircraft to begin our journey home. Toil 10/tail 38 carried most of the maintenance team and the war wagon containing tools and parts.

Toil 11 carried its former engine as well as the two engine shop mechanics, Lyndall and Garrett. After a brief weather divert to Gander, Newfoundland, the crew spent the night at St Johns.

The aircraft returned home to Maxwell Monday, May 20.

Maj. Jan Sztuka was the mission commander for the deployment. He said, “Overall I’m proud of everyone who went with us and the work we did in Hungarian Response. The Army units we supported seemed to be very happy we came. It added a lot of training value to the exercise for them, and we got a lot of good training out of it as well.

Col. Norman Bell, 908<sup>th</sup> OG commander praised those involved in Hungarian Response, too.

“The crews also did a great job to meet the mission requirements and enable the European Army units to meet their training and evaluation requirements. Our crews played an integral part for those units to maintain their combat ready status and our national defense. Capt. Jeff Harold and Master Sgt. Steve Tarrance did a superior job for this exercise. The Current Ops shop does a great job all the time,” Bell said.

Three other AFRC wings participated: the 94<sup>th</sup> AW, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., which also sent two C-130s and 20 reservists; the 439<sup>th</sup> AW from Westover ARB, Mass., deployed a C-5 and 20 reservists, and the 459<sup>th</sup> AW from Andrews AFB, Md., dispatched four C-141s and 125 reservists.



**Angel of Mercy.** First Lt. Jeremy Angel led the effort to help a Space-A traveler reach her seriously ill daughter in Louisiana.

## Crews help stranded passenger

**By Maj. Jerry Lobb  
908 AW/PA**

“Of all the things we did on this trip, this was what made it worthwhile,” said Maj. Jan Sztuka, 908<sup>th</sup>’s mission commander for Hungarian Response. “This” was rescuing a Navy spouse traveling “Space A” who was stranded at Gander, Newfoundland, after a C-141 broke there. For the purpose of the story we’ll call her “Jane” to protect her privacy.

The two aircraft diverted to Gander, Newfoundland on the trip back to Maxwell because of bad weather at St. Johns. Jane was on her way to care for her daughter and two granddaughters in Louisiana. Her daughter, pregnant with her third child, was having serious medical problems and her husband was deployed.

Jane was stranded the day before at the airport terminal at Gander, and spent the night sleeping in the terminal. When we arrived the staff spoke with Sztuka, asking if we would be willing to take her with us to St. Johns and told him a bit about her situation.

Sztuka said we’d be glad to help, particularly given the nature of her trip.

We soon surmised that she wasn’t traveling with a lot of money. First Lt. Jeremy Angel,

mission pilot on Toil 11 took the lead in gathering donations and in a short time he had enough to pay for her hotel room. I watched as she fought back tears when Major Sztuka called her to the desk and she signed in and got her key.

The next day the mission of mercy continued as Angel went on the internet and found a program where stars have contributed to a program to help people traveling in situations like this to buy airline tickets at reduced prices. The crews and maintenance people then donated enough to purchase the ticket.

On landing at Maxwell, Angel gave Jane a ride to Dannelly Field.

“When we walked in the door to the airport, Angel said, “a person at the airline counter asked, ‘Are you with the 357th?’ I said, yes and they handed me her ticket.” Jane struggled not to cry as Angel escorted her to her gate.

A bit later that evening Jane was with her daughter and granddaughters in Louisiana.

“Our crews really came together to help her out. Helping her was the most important thing I think we did on the trip,” Sztuka said.

Col. Norman Bell, 908<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, said “I was particularly proud of how our crews responded to the stranded family member. “Their actions illustrate the character of our unit.”

Sgt.  
craft  
n oil  
ining



**Sgt. William Lyndall pushes the prop into place on aircraft Master Sgt. Randy Garrett looks on.**

**Toil 10 Crew**  
Capt. Joe Accardo, aircraft commander; Maj. Stan Jesionowski, mission pilot; Maj. Paul Schultz, navigator; Chief Master Sgt. J.R. Melton, flight engineer; Tech. Sgt. J.D. Balentine, loadmaster; Master Sgt. David Greer, loadmaster  
**Toil 11 Crew**  
Maj. Jan Sztuka, aircraft and mission commander; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeremy Angel, mission pilot; Maj. Elliott Stoffregen III, navigator; Staff Sgt. Adam Childers, flight engineer; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Brackin, loadmaster; Master Sgt. Ricky Perry, loadmaster  
**Maintenance Crew**  
Tech. Sgt. Larry Sellers, Master Sgt. James Parker, Master Sgt. Darrell Wilson, Staff Sgt. Walter Maddox, Senior Master Sgt. Barry Smith, Master Sgt. Doug Dearth, Tech. Sgt. Marshal Sims, Tech. Sgt. Peter Robinson, Tech. Sgt. William Lyndall, Master Sgt. Randy Garrett, Staff Sgt. Brady Newman, Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Smith



## 908<sup>th</sup> says thanks to employers

Twenty-six supervisors and employers of 908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Air Force Reservists got a chance to see what their workers do in their “part-time jobs.”

Employers were treated to: breakfast, remarks from Maj. Gen./Mr. Bowen Ballard (CEO of Ballard Companies, one of the state’s largest real estate companies, and mobilization assistant to the Air University commander), a tour of the 25th Aerial Port Squadron operations, and a C-130H orientation ride May 17.

908<sup>th</sup> AW Commander Col. James N. Stewart hosted the event dubbed, “Breakfast with the Boss.” The state committee of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve helped subsidize some of the cost of the event, and gave a short presentation.

“Today is a special day for the 908<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing as we pay tribute to you, the employers of our

traditional Reservists. You’re here today because some of your most valued employees are performing a valuable service to the country as Air Force Reservists. We realize that without the support of the employer, families and community, our “citizen-airmen” cannot serve this great nation. That is why today is so important. We want to show you how much we appreciate your sharing these wonderful patriots with us,” Colonel Stewart told the group.

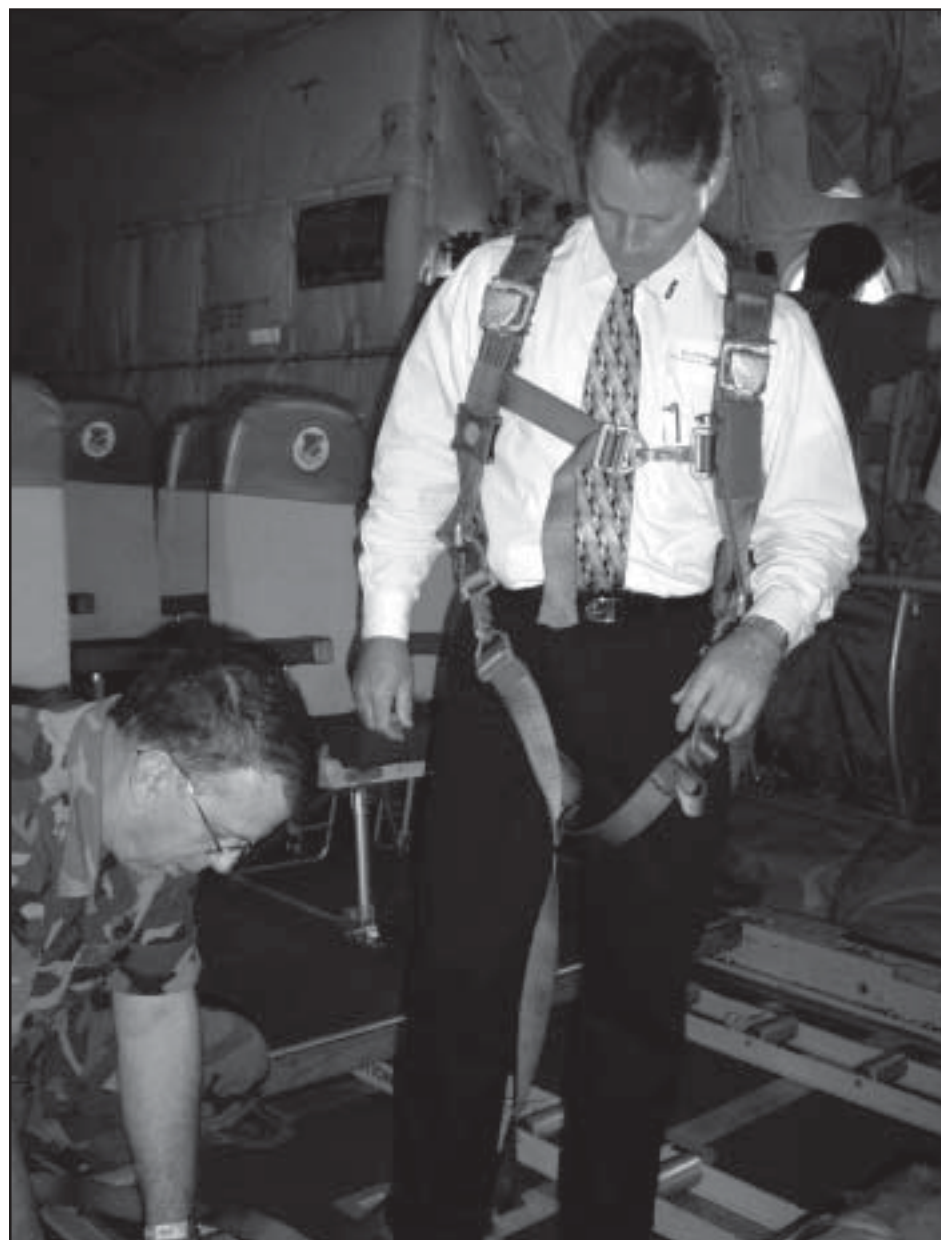
Feedback from employers like Marcia Woodard of the Montgomery Zoo and Ken Stacey from International Paper was positive.

“It was a wonderful experience, educational,” Woodard said.

“My first time – well done, thank you,” Stacey said.

Today, more than ever, America’s employers play a vital role in our nation’s defense. The breakfast was the 908<sup>th</sup>’s way of thanking them for their efforts.

**Right, Ed Hall tries out a safety harness with the help of Senior Master Sgt. John Pickering. Below, Chuck Corbello gets a bird's eye view of a C-130 cockpit. Lower right, employers listen intently as Master Sgt. James Rickels explains the 25th Aerial Port Squadron's mission.**



Photos by Jeff Melvin



## Did you know?

The following information is provided by the 908<sup>th</sup> AW Family Support Center.

**The Air Force Crossroads' Spouse Network!** The Air Force recognizes the importance of the military spouse and the unique challenges specific to that role. A section of the Crossroads' site is designed specifically for military spouses. It provides a means of

communication and access to resources and information Air Force wide on a variety of topics affecting spouses and their families.

Today's global Air Force often calls upon the military member to perform his or her duties away from home, leaving the spouse alone to maintain the family unit. It is the intent of the Spouse Network to assist spouses with the daily routine as well as those extraordinary circumstances that inevitably seem

to occur when the sponsor is away and the spouse is responsible for total management of home and family.

Spouses are invited to become a member of the Spouse Network and to learn from each other, sharing experiences, information and resourced from both home and abroad. Check out the spouse network link at <http://www.afcrossroads.com/spouse/index.cfm>.

**Teens and Youth Section of Air Force Crossroads!** The Teens & Youth section of Air Force Crossroads includes forums, games, homework help and more. This section of The Crossroads has tons to offer both kids and teenagers alike. From sports to arts to video games, you will find hours worth of information and entertainment. To check out the Teens and Youth section, go to <http://www.afcrossroads.com/kids/index.cfm>.

June UTA Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
<b>Friday, June 7, 2002</b>			
1630	1900	Commanders’ Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC
<b>Saturday, June 8, 2002</b>			
<b>0730</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Sign In</b>	<b>Orderly Room</b>
0730	0800	Newcomers’ Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0900	Lab Work/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0800	0830	Newcomers’ Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
<b>0830</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)</b>	<b>Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms</b>
0830	1200	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0820	1500	Physicals (Phase I & II)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1030	Shots (IPPD & Flu only)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Fm. 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1200	Newcomers’ MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg. 848/2nd Floor Classroom
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 112, DPMSA
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers' Mtg (UETM)	Bldg. 1055/CES Conf Rm
1000	1100	Unit Disaster Preparedness Reps Meeting	Bldg. 1055
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' (UDM) Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course/Snack Bar
<b>1130</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Units At Range M-9 (Classroom)</b>	<b>Firing Range/SFS</b>
<b>1130</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Units At Range M-16 (Firing)</b>	<b>Firing Range/SFS</b>
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (R)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
1300	1500	Joint Inspection (Cargo Prep)	Bldg. 846/APS Hangar
1330	1400	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
1400	TBD	Unit Security Manager's Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm
1500	1630	Gas Mask Issue	Bldg. 848/Center Bay
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
<b>Sunday, June 9, 2002</b>			
<b>0630</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>Sign In</b>	<b>SOC Auditorium</b>
0700	0830	Wing Commander's Call	<b>SOC Auditorium</b>
0730	1130	NBC Defense Training (I)	Bldg. 1062/Clsrcm/CEX
<b>0800</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Units At Range M-9 (Firing)</b>	<b>Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms</b>
0800	1100	Pallet Build-up Training	Bldg. 1055/ CES Classroom
0815	0900	3S0X1 Training (All units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf.Rm
0830	0900	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
<b>0830</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)</b>	<b>Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms</b>
0900	1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg. 848/2nd Floor Classroom
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1230	1400	PreDeployment Processing/Briefing	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section
<b>1300</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Units At Range M-16 (Firing)</b>	<b>Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms</b>
1300	TBD	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Command Post/CAT Rm/CC
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1400	1500	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sat, 1300-1700	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/36722
		1200-1600	
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/35714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/36020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/37505
*Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/34283
*Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/34283
*Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/34283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/35127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations	(lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)		Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

Remaining FY 02 UTA Dates

July 13-14; Aug. 10-11; Sep. 7-8

FY 03 UTA Dates

Oct. 5-6; Nov. 2-3; Dec. 7-8; Jan. 11-12, 03; Feb. 8-9, 03; March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03; May 3-4, 03; June 7-8, 03; Jul 12-13, 03; Aug. 9-10, 03; Sept. 6-7, 03

June UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- \* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- \* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- \* Input your unit's authorization code
- \* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- \* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- \* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- \* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- \* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- \* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- \* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- \* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- \* The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332  
DSN: 493-7332  
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil  
Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

**Notice!** Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the June UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local  
Depart Aurora at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local  
Depart Aurora at 1845 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1815 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local



## Take Note

Congratulations to the following people.

### Promotions

... Chief Master Sergeant  
**James M. Thomas, MXS**  
 ... Senior Master Sergeant  
**Christopher Brown, 357 AS**  
**Charles K. Dallas, LSS**  
**Benjamin P. Kemp, 357 AS**  
**Rickey D. Perry, 357 AS**  
**Barry A. Smith, MXS**  
**James R. Theusch, 908 AW**  
 ... Master Sergeant  
**Jodie C. Byrd, AES**  
**Leonard Caldwell, MXS**  
**Byron I. Godwin III, MSS**  
**Tracey D. Jenkins, 25 APS**  
**Stephen W. McFarland, 25 APS**  
**Leeander Morris Jr., LSS**  
**Theresa A. Murrell, ASTS**  
**Phillip B. Nelson, CES**  
**Rickey D. Perry,**  
**Shawn R. Railsback, ASTS**  
**Darrel M. Tubbs, 25 APS**  
 ... Technical Sergeant  
**Angela F. Bailey, 908 AW**  
**Conchita L. Floyd, MSS**

**Kia L. Harrell, ASTS**  
**Evelyn B. Lang, ASTS**  
**Mark A. Lanton, ASTS**  
**William H. Mayfield Jr., MXS**  
**George McGeehan, SFS**  
**Tonya L. Peterson, 908 AW**  
**Jerome Powell, CES**  
**Keith L. B. Royal, SFS**  
**Shashidha Shivashankara, ASTS**  
**Robert S. Waddle, MXS**  
 ... to Staff Sergeant  
**Christopher J. Foley, CES**  
**Reginald D. Smith, 25 APS**  
**Sean E. Scarcliff, AES**  
 ... to Senior Airman  
**Leroy J. Bell, MSS**  
**Thomas K. Clay, 908 CF**  
**Kevin J. Foster, CES**  
**Latonya U. Hambright, AES**  
**Anthony W. Kelley, 25 APS**  
**Kelvin D. Pettus, ASTS**  
**Ada N. Pitts, ASTS**  
**Joseph A. Pritz, LSS**  
**Towyanger L. Simmons, MXS**  
**LaToya C. Smith, MSS**  
**Michael A. Smith, 25 APS**  
**Kedric D. Winn, ASTS**  
 .. to Airman First Class  
**Rickey D. Allen, MXS**

**Cortrell S. Mandosia, MSS**  
**Mary C. Ott, LSS**  
**Crystal Y. Ragland, 25 APS**

### Retirements

**Lt. Col. Michael G. Berg, 357 AS**  
**Lt. Col. Gerald J. Hensley, ASTS**  
**Command Chief Master Sgt. Linda D. Roberts, 908 AW**  
**Master Sgt. Jerry Roland, 908 OG**  
**Tech. Sgt. Edward Husted Jr., ASTS**



**Tech. Sgt. Greg Benjamin**

## Quarterly award winners announced

Senior Airman Elaine Stinson, MSS; Tech. Sgt. Greg Benjamin, 25 APS; and Master Sgt. Cameron Kirksey, LSS, were named Airman of the Quarter, NCO of the Quarter and SNCO of the Quarter, respectively during the May UTA.



**SrA. Elaine Stinson**



## Medical personnel spread good will

908 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron member Tech. Sgt. Tom Haney (black T-shirt) and Tim Bryant visit an orphanage near Skopje, Macedonia. Haney, and six 908 AES members have been deployed to Macedonia on a rotational basis since February in support of "Operation Joint Forge." They're assigned to the 18<sup>TH</sup> Expeditionary Aeromedical Staging Squadron. While performing his duties there, Haney became involved with an orphan program set up by 18 EASTS' chapel. He said he enjoyed the time he spends at orphanage and has sent pictures to the Southern Flyer that "show how the 908 AES is bringing happiness and hope for tomorrow to third-world children."

Presorted First Class  
 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 Permit #700  
 Montgomery, AL

908th Airlift Wing  
 401 W. Maxwell Blvd.  
 Maxwell AFB  
 Montgomery, AL 36112-6501

To the Family of: